

fibrous layer allowing entrapped air to pass out of the material during processing of the material.

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2. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
Claim 1 wherein a first fibrous layer is conjoined to the upper surface of the resin layer and  
a second fibrous layer is conjoined to the lower surface of the resin layer.

*A. C. C.*  
3. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
Claim 2 wherein the first and second fibrous layers are formed from the same material.

*A. C. C.*  
4. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
Claim 2 wherein the first and second fibrous layers are formed from different materials.

*A. C. C.*  
5. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is held in place by the inherent tack of the surface of the  
resin layer.

*A. C. C.*  
6. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is partially impregnated by resin.

*A. C. C.*  
7. (Amended) A preform multi-layer moulding material according to  
claim 1 wherein a tackifier and a binder are applied to at least one outer surface of the at least  
one fibrous layer.

*A. C. C.*  
8. (Amended) A preform multi-layer moulding material according to  
claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is continuous.

*A. C. C.*  
9. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to  
claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is discontinuous.

10. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the resin system is a thermosetting polymer.

11. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 10 wherein the thermosetting polymer is selected from epoxy, polyester, vinylester, polyimide, cyanate ester, phenolic and bismaleimide systems, modification thereof and blends thereof.

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12. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is formed from a member of the group consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers, polyethylene fibers, aramid fibers, natural fibers and modified natural fibers.

13. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the fibers in the fibrous layer are unidirectional.

*14.* (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein one or more fibrous layers of the material is a prepeg.

16. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material for use in the production of a surface layer comprising a multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1.

*17.* (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material for use in the production of a surface layer according to claim 16 in which a woven fibrous layer is conjoined to one surface and a nonwoven fibrous layer is conjoined to the opposing surface.

18. (Amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the material is formed by placing the fibrous layer in contact with the resin layer.